

## The 2023 Annual Meeting

The WHP annual meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2023 at 10 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors and discuss our WHP business. The directors running for re-election are Rich Kresge, Pete Daly and Rich Rogan. If you are interested in serving as a director, please submit your letter of intention by May 6th to P.O. Box 36 White Haven, Pa 18661 or by email to [info@whp-hoa.com](mailto:info@whp-hoa.com). Directors are elected to serve a three-year term.

Information can be obtained about WHP at our website [www.whp-hoa.com](http://www.whp-hoa.com), and [www.facebook.com/whitehavenpoconosownersassociation](https://www.facebook.com/whitehavenpoconosownersassociation), and the bulletin board on the bathhouse.

## Current Board Members

The WHP Board is a volunteer position. These men and women freely give their time to meet, maintain, plan upgrades and oversee operations of our Lake and Beach area. Thank you!!

Bob Fraley	President	
Joe Paskill	Vice President	570-443-2347
Joe Fazio		570-401-6441
Rich Rogan		570-401-9946
Kristy Piccolotti	Beach Master	303-519-2507
Rich Kresge		
Pete Daly	Secretary	
Steve Solarek		
Ron Pierce		

## Welcome New Members

Paul & Christine Parosky	3206 Fern Ridge Rd.
Raj Reddy	1070 Aspen Rd
Paul & Irene Rosenboom	3039 Fern Ridge Road
Edward Tutrone	Lots 907-908
	Promontory Dr
Ken & Amy Foster	7010 Sunrise Lake Dr

## Fish Stocking

There was a successful spring trout stocking at Sunrise Lake, with 348 fish that measured between 10 – 12 inches, 15 fish that were 15 inches long, and 4 fish at 20 inches long. As always, catch and release is encouraged with a two fish per day limit. All members and guests fishing at the lake will be required to have proper identification for lake access. Watch the website for updates on stocking dates.



## Beach News

### Pavilion Reservations

To reserve the pavilion, call Rich – 303-550-5869 or Kristy - 303-519-2507 **any time after the beach clean-up on May 13<sup>th</sup>**. A \$50 deposit is required in addition to the \$25 rental fee. A rental agreement will be provided to the renter, the signed agreement and payment must be received within 7 days or the reservation will be cancelled. The deposit will be returned if the renter complies with the terms of the rental agreement.

### Lifeguards:

This year's lifeguards are Kayla Kresge & Cam Belisle.

### Beach Hours:

The official opening of the beach is Memorial Day weekend, weekends only, through the second or third week in June. The beach will open daily after the end of the school year subject to the availability of lifeguards.

### Water Safety Testing:

Will be performed weekly throughout the summer months. Results will be posted on the bulletin board at the bathhouse.

### Lake and Beach Water Treatment

We continue to utilize Ecological Solutions, Inc. to manage various lake and beach weeds as needed throughout the season.

We have been treating the swimming area with Muckaway in order to reduce the buildup of detritus (muck) and brown sediment on the sand in the swimming area. We saw a reduction in muck throughout last season and we will continue to treat for muck throughout this year.

## Wristbands

Anyone using the beach or lake is required to display a wristband to identify themselves as an active member of WHP or the guest of an active member. This is an effort to prevent the unauthorized use of our facilities. Wristbands, three per family, will be distributed to active members at the general meeting or can be obtained from any Board member. Active members are those who have paid the current year's dues and have no balance past due. Wristbands are orange for the 2023-2024 season.

## New Dues Payment Option

Due to requests from some homeowners, PayPal has been added as a payment option to pay your homeowners dues. There will be a service fee of \$12 for homes and \$10 for lots to pay your dues. No service fees are charged for checks and money orders. Instruction for the PayPal option is attached to your bill. We are continuing to look for better service fee rate. This message will be posted on the website, [www.whp-hoa.com](http://www.whp-hoa.com)



## Annual Beach Clean Up

Our Annual Beach Clean-up Day is Saturday May 13, 2023 starting at 10:00 a.m. There are number of projects which must

be completed. We request that you and your family join us to help with the following tasks. In case of rain, please check the web site for a rain date.

- ✚ Leaf and Brush Removal – rakes, blowers and tarps are needed
- ✚ Inspect and repair picnic tables – hammer, saw, screw gun and hardware are needed.
- ✚ Clean grills and distribute around beach
- ✚ Inspect and repair playground equipment.
- ✚ Clean bath house – supplies provided by WHP

The better the turnout the shorter the workday! Kids are welcome to participate. Any help is appreciated.

**Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at Noon. Next year's Beach Clean Up date is May 11, 2024 with a rain date of May 18, 2024.**

## White Haven Poconos Website

Remember to access the White Haven Poconos Association website for updates and current information about association activities. Remember, the website is yours to use. To contact the webmaster (a current board member) send an e-mail with your comments, questions, or concerns to [info@whp-hoa.com](mailto:info@whp-hoa.com). The website is [www.whp-hoa.com](http://www.whp-hoa.com).

## State of White Haven Poconos 2023

This past year we have continued with the repairs, replacements, and maintenance of the many of the issues outlined in the reserve study done by Eagle two years ago. The gate valve pier, by the dam, was refurbished and reinforced. This was a project not only required by the Pennsylvania DEP but needed to ensure the safe operation of the dam and the ability to maintain our lake.

The two docks by the boat area were replaced this year. The footings of the original docks were failing creating an unsafe situation and the original docks were showing their age. The replacement docks are floating docks decked with composite material that not only looks good and will be long lasting, but it will also prevent splinters.

Additional trout were stocked this spring, we had a successful picnic, and electronic payment of dues was set up through our website. We have continued a more aggressive approach to weed and muck management for the beach and lake and continued with repairs of Sunrise Lake Drive. Additional sand for the beach is planned prior to the summer season.

Unfortunately, as discussed at the last two Annual Meetings and agreed upon by a member vote, a dues increase is again needed. The current budget shows a balance of \$6328.57 remaining from April through the end of our fiscal year June 1. This amount does not include normal operating expenses and the additional expenses of sand for the beach and repairs to Sunrise Lake Drive, both planned for this spring. These projects will likely create a deficit of over \$5,000 for the fiscal year. With a \$25 per year increase, along with continued thoughtful and frugal spending, it is the Board's hope that we will be able to not only maintain but improve White Haven Poconos in this and future years.

Truly,  
The Board of Directors, White Haven Poconos

## Mountain Ash Road Storage Building

The community that we now know as White Haven Poconos was developed on a property which was previously owned by Atlas Powder Company, an American explosives and chemicals company. Atlas owned property up and down the north and south banks of the Lehigh River. Atlas utilized the river water to heat and cool the processes for manufacturing gunpowder and dynamite during World Wars 1 and 2. If you walk around the Lehigh Gorge State Park, you may be lucky enough to come upon the old boiler house, a mule powered mill post, steam piping, building remains and other structures which are distributed along the banks of the river.

One of these structures, located across from 2034 Mountain Ash Lane, is owned by the WHP Association. The structure was an explosive material storage facility, which the writer believes is best described as a bunker... It is a brick-and-mortar structure with sand filled walls and roof designed to limit the impact of an explosive event... The structure has no windows, water or electric service, and is located on a ½ acre lot. WHP has historically used the building as a junk storage facility.

The reason for this history lesson is that the reserve study the board commissioned a few years ago has programmed some repairs and maintenance activities to keep the building from decaying. Recommended maintenance includes roof repair/replacement and the removal of brush and trees which are growing too close to the structure. As the BOD discussed the budget and potential repair costs for the building, we began to question the value in trying to preserve the building.

The BOD would like to take some time during the annual meeting to discuss options for the building and lot. Options include 1) performing required maintenance in order to preserve the building at a cost of approximately \$45K, 2) allowing the building to slowly decay and eventually collapse, 3) selling the building and lot together, 4) demolishing the building and selling the lot, 5) you let us know your thoughts....We will see you at the meeting.

## Our Community Says Goodbye

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of members Paul Smith, Evelyn Apichella and Al Schofield. Paul served on the WHP BOD. Al was our friendly face at the voting booth in WHP. Evelyn Apichella was a property owner since the late 70s. The residents of White Haven Pocono's extend our sincere sympathies to their family and friends.



## Please Be Courteous

Please be courteous to your neighbors. Bear Creek Township has leash laws for dogs. Please keep your furry friend always leashed. We have many children playing as well as people walking and running through our beautiful neighborhood. Please be courteous and keep your dog on a leash so no one gets hurt.



Also, please be kind and do not allow your dog to bark early in the morning or late at night or even all day long. We have many retirees attempting to "sleep in" as well as young ones that need to get to bed early for school and those of us who need to get up early for work the next day!! Thank you!!

**Dog Warden - Jim Spencer - 570-350-9392**

**SPCA of Luzerne County - 570-825-4111 ext. 103 to report the situation**



## Boats

Boats are required to be removed from the beach for the winter. Any that remained may have been put in storage. If one of these boats belong to you, please contact a White Haven Poconos Board member and they will provide access for a \$25 moving and storage fee. Please remember that when boats are returned to the lake, they must be labeled with your name and address.

## Burn Ordinance

There is a burning ordinance in Bear Creek Township. Burning is only allowed in an enclosed area such as a burn barrel or fire pit. Please do not burn Styrofoam, plastics or building supplies such as plywood and laminates. Burning such items causes toxic fumes. Please be considerate of your neighbors. When in doubt, you can go to the Bear Creek township website at [www.bearcreektownship.org](http://www.bearcreektownship.org)

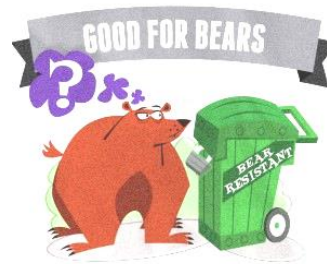


**GFL Environmental** - (570) 685-7000 will pick up regular recycling items curbside!!! They also have a good price for trash pick-up.

## Outstanding Dues

Please be advised that all property owners and renters are responsible to have their dues paid up to date. We are requesting all delinquent payments be submitted with this year's dues payment. Our fiscal year starts June 1<sup>st</sup> and any member not in good standing will be denied access to WHP Association amenities.

Members that remain in arrears after August 31<sup>st</sup> may be turned over to a collection agency and processed for legal action, if need be. **Remember, the annual dues are a requirement of your property deed whether you use the facilities of White Haven Poconos or not!** Thank you in advance for your timely payment. **Please mail your Association dues to our PO Box 36 White Haven, Pa 18661.**



## We Have Bears

There are bears in White Haven Poconos. They love the neighborhood trash that you may put out the night before for your trash pickup. Please be mindful that they may get into your trash and drag it across the street or into someone else's yard. **Please clean up your trash if this happens. Thank you!**



## Snow and Road Maintenance

As many of you know, our roads are maintained, and snow removal is done by Bear Creek Township. The number to reach the Bear Creek Municipal Building is 570-825-9077.

## Sunrise Lake Regulations

There were several incidents during the 2022 season when our lifeguard was forced to remind members of the rules and regulations which have been developed to ensure all our safety while enjoying our beautiful lake and beach. As a reminder, we are providing a copy of the Sunrise Lake Regulations with this year's newsletter. Please hang them on your refrigerator along with the important phone numbers. If you need a refresher on the rules, please see the copy posted at the bathhouse or ask the lifeguard or a BOD member. Please be respectful of our lifeguards as they are there for the safety of our community.





### Disabled Motor Vehicles

Bear Creek Township has an Ordinance Prohibiting the storage of Disabled Motor Vehicles. Any motor vehicle possessing one or more of the following characteristics is in violation of this ordinance and is subject to removal:

- A. It is inoperable and has been stored in a residentially zoned area within Bear Creek Township for more than seven days.
- B. It lacks an engine, one or more tires or other essential part.
- C. It is kept in such a condition as to become a haven for vermin.
- D. It is maintained in a precarious or dangerous position of location.
- E. It has broken glass or other sharp edges.
- F. It presents a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

*Thank You,  
Thank You,*



On behalf of the association, we would like to extend a special thanks to all the people who volunteered to help get things done. We do not want to mention names in fear we will forget someone. Sooooo, **THANK YOU** to:

- Those who did beach clean-up this year!!
- Those who ran and helped with the picnic and made it a success.
- Those who pick up the trash around the neighborhood, the lake, and the entrance road.
- Those who helped with the fish stocking and patrolling the lake.
- Those who do neighborhood watch.
- Thanks to the directors for their time and to all those who are more than willing to help when asked.
- Those who donate the coffee pot for the annual meeting!
- Thank you to any one we forgot!!

### Newsletter

If you have births or deaths, you would like acknowledged in the newsletter or any information you would like included in the next newsletter, please contact Gerri Rogan at 570-436-5477, or submit them to: WHP Owners Assoc., P.O. Box 36, White Haven, PA 18661 or by email to [info@whp-hoa.com](mailto:info@whp-hoa.com).



**REMEMBER STOP SIGNS ARE THERE FOR A REASON! ALSO, PLEASE ABIDE BY THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS. IT'S THE LAW!**

- ✚ Remember, bus stops may be at each corner. Please watch for children, especially early in the morning.
- ✚ **No unregistered motorized vehicles such as ATV's, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, golf carts or scooters are permitted on association property. This includes Sunrise Lake road, Sunrise Lake Beach or Sunrise Lake Parking lot and property adjacent to the lake!! According to Pennsylvania state law, these vehicles are not permitted on neighborhood roads as well. If you see someone violating this, please call the Pennsylvania state police.**
- ✚ There has been a large amount of garbage dumping on the entrance road. Please take your garbage with you or get a garbage service.
- ✚ If you see someone speeding, talk to your neighbor or contact a board member with the license number!
- ✚ Please be aware the dumpster and trash cans at the lake are **NOT** for household trash. Anybody caught breaking WHPHOA rules will lose association privileges for the year.



## Recycling

For information on what and where, reference the following websites:

<https://search.earth911.com/>

<https://www.recyclingcenternear.me/>

<https://bearcreektownship.org/recycling/>

<https://www.luzernecounty.org/324/Recycling-Department>

### RECYCLING CENTER FOR BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY – per the BCT Website

Single Stream Recycling

Location: Recreation Road by the Township Salt Shed

Hours: Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until the dumpster are full

## Important Township Phone Numbers

Garage Phone: 570-825-9077

Road Crew: John Krumsky (Road master & Foreman)

Road Crew: Robert Kachinko

Road Crew: Brian Hontz

E-Mail: [roadmaster@bearcreektownship.org](mailto:roadmaster@bearcreektownship.org)

Fire Department, Ambulance, Police 911

### Board of Supervisors – Verified per BCT website

Chairman	Ruth Ann Koval	
Vice Chair	Jeffrey Popple	
Board Member	Jason Krumsky	
Board Member	Mark Petlock	
Board Member	Robert Suchocki	
Solicitor	William E. Vinsko, Jr.	
Secretary	Paula Weihbrecht	570-822-2260
Tax Collector	Berkheimer	570-824-2409
Tax Collector	Tracey O'Day	570-704-4664

State Police, Non-Emergency 570- 697-2000

Sewage Enforcement - Steve Egenski 570-239-7086

Metrocast Cable Service 800-633-8578

**PADCNR Turn in the poacher** 1-888-PGC-8001

### WHP 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes May 28, 2022

Called to order by Joe Paskill 10:10 AM

Thanks for attendance

Moment of silence for lost members and loved ones

Introduced Board members

Introduction of new members

2021 Minutes read and motion approved to accept.

Deny beach access to delinquents, motion made and approved.

2022/23 Budget, motion made and approved to accept.

Last year's completed projects and events were reviewed. These included:

The dues increase.

The annual picnic, which was organized by Camie Pierce. Camie is once again organizing the picnic which is scheduled for July 16.

Beach sand.

Repair of the masonry wall at the entrance.

Weed and muck treatment of the lake.

Spring stocking of trout.

Spring clean-up which had a limited number of volunteers.

Thanks were given for all those who helped and participated.

Planned projects and upcoming events were reviewed:

Entrance road clean-up scheduled June 4.

Repair / replacing floating dock.

Repairs of Sunrise Lake Drive.

Replacing vinyl sign at the entrance.

Completion of the dock and piers.

The meeting was then opened to the floor.

A suggestion was made to pay dues through Venmo.

Fireworks in the neighborhood and the beach were discussed with plans to send a letter from the Board to discourage fireworks in the neighborhood and to evaluate our liability if we allow fireworks at the beach.

The need to follow all Pennsylvania Fishing and Boating Regulations while using the lake was reinforced.

The possibility of utilizing the warehouse for boat storage was proposed.

Strategies for encouraging a greater “volunteer” turn-out were proposed.

A plea for additional lifeguards was made as well as someone willing to take on the snowplowing contract of Sunrise Lake Drive. The current person contracted has notified the Board that he will no longer be plowing this season.

An encounter with a board member that was felt to be handled inappropriately was related. It was reaffirmed that anyone acting on behalf of the board or the association needs to be respectful and courteous.

The Board was thanked for the time and effort that put in for everyone in the community.

Election of Board positions were held. Bob Fraley, Joe Fazio, Kristy Piccolotti were elected to three-year terms. They ran unopposed.

Adjourned 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Joe Paskill

# WHITE HAVEN POCONOS ANNUAL PICNIC

**Saturday, July 15, 2023**

The White Haven Poconos Picnic and Community Day 2023 will be held Saturday July 15 from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Planned activities include music, games, and raffles. All members of the White Haven Poconos Home Owners Association and friends are welcome to participate in the day's events.

For those wishing to partake in food and drink; hamburgers, hotdogs, and soda will be available for \$6.00 per adult over 12 years old. Each family can cook their own food when they are ready to eat.

You do not need to purchase a food ticket to participate in the day's activities. So be sure to come out, meet your neighbors, and have a good time at the lake!

Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the DESSERT TABLE. So please bring your delicious cakes, cookies, and desserts so everyone can rave about them! Those who bring a dessert will be entered into the best dessert contest. The judges will be those who brought a dessert. The winner will be announced during the drawing of the 50/50 and basket of cheer.

Contributions are also needed for the BASKETS of CHEER. Please drop off a bottle of cheer TO THE HOME OF CAMIE AND RON PIERCE - 4309 Tanager Terrace White Haven, PA 18661

**Picnic tables cannot be reserved until Friday night, July 14, after 5:00 PM.**

**It is very difficult to estimate the food needed when reservations are late, or tickets are sold that day. Save money and help us by getting your reservations in before the deadline of July 8. There will be a price increase to \$10.00 for any reservation after July 8. Tickets will not be sold after 2:00 PM on picnic day.**

## WHITE HAVEN POCONOS ANNUAL PICNIC

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAID RESERVATION  
BY JULY 9 to:  
WHP Owner's Association, PO Box 36, White Haven, PA 18661**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of ADULTS @ \$6.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of CHILDREN 6-12 years free

\_\_\_\_\_ # of CHILDREN 5 and under free

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Piñata activities will be provided for children under 12 years old.

There will be a price increases to \$10.00 for any reservations after July 8.



# SUNRISE LAKE REGULATIONS THE LIFEGUARDS WORD IS LAW! PENNSYLVANIA D.C.N.R. REGULATIONS APPLY

